a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;

- a solidifying process for solidifying the liquid-pattern material supplied into the pattern-forming openings; and
- a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process and solidifying process.

## 5. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;
- an adherent-liquid removal process for removing liquid pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings;
- an annealing process for annealing the dried solute after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, adherent-liquid removal process, and drying process; and
  - a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece.

## 6. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvents from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings; and
- an annealing process for annealing the dried solute after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process and drying process.

# 7. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;
- a solidifying process for solidifying the liquid-pattern material supplied into the pattern-forming openings;

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a solid-material removal process for removing solidified elements of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings; and

a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, solidifying process, and solid-material removal process.

# 8. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the mask openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings;
- a solid-material removal process for removing dried solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings;

an annealing process for annealing the dried solute after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, drying process, solid-material removal process; and

a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece.

#### 9. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the mask openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings;
- a solid-material removal process for removing dried solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings;

an annealing process for annealing the dried solute; and

- a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, drying process, solid-material removal process, and annealing process.
- 10. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 1, wherein the mask has hydrophobic properties on at least the surface thereof.

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11. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 1, wherein the mask is hydrophobic.

- 12. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 1, wherein the liquid-pattern material is solidified by applying heat.
- 13. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 12, wherein heating and solidifying the liquid-pattern material comprises a drying process for evaporating solvent in the liquid pattern material, and an annealing process for annealing the dried solute.
- 14. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 1, wherein the mask is removed from the workpiece after solidifying the liquid-pattern material.
- 15. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 1, wherein:

the liquid-pattern material is solidified after removing liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings.

- 18. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 2, wherein the process for removing the mask and the annealing process are performed simultaneously.
- 19. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:
- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings while also drying the liquid-pattern material;
  - an annealing process for annealing dried solute of the liquid-pattern material; and a process for removing the mask from the workpiece.
- 20. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:
- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;
  - a drying process for evaporating solvent in the liquid-pattern material; an annealing process for annealing dried solute in the liquid-pattern material; and a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece.
- 21. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;

- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the pattern-forming openings;
- an adherent-liquid removal process for removing liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent in from liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings;
- a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, adherent-liquid removal process, and drying process; and

an annealing process for annealing the dried solute.

- 22. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:
- a mask forming process for forming a mask having pattern-forming openings on a workpiece surface;
- a pattern material supplying process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the mask openings;
- a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings;
- a solid-material removal process for removing dried solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming openings;
- a mask removal process for removing the mask from the workpiece after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, drying process, and solid-material removal process; and

an annealing process for annealing the dried solute.

- 23. (Amended) A pattern forming method characterized by supplying and solidifying a liquid-pattern material in a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece.
- 24. (Amended) A pattern forming method characterized by performing plural times a process for supplying and solidifying a liquid-pattern material in a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece.
- 25. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:
- a pattern material supply process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece;

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an adherent-liquid removal process for removing liquid pattern material that adhered to the mask surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench;

a drying process for drying by evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming trench; and

an annealing process for annealing solute contained in the dried liquid-pattern material after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, adherent-liquid removal process, and drying process.

26. (Amended) A pattern forming method characterized by sequentially performing plural times:

a pattern material supply process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece;

a solidifying process for heating and solidifying the liquid-pattern material supplied to the pattern-forming trench; and

an adherent-solid removal process for removing solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the trench.

# 27. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

a pattern material supply process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece;

a drying process for evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material supplied to the pattern-forming trench; and

an annealing process for annealing solute contained in the dried liquid-pattern material after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process and drying process.

### 28. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:

a pattern material supply process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece;

a drying process for evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material supplied to the pattern-forming trench;

an adherent-solid removal process for removing dried solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench; and

an annealing process for annealing solute contained in the dried liquid-pattern material after sequentially performing plural times the pattern material supply process, drying process, and adherent-solid removal process.

29. (Amended) A pattern forming method characterized by performing once or plural times:

a pattern material supply process for supplying a liquid-pattern material to a specific pattern-forming trench disposed in a workpiece;

a drying process for evaporating solvent from the liquid-pattern material supplied to the pattern-forming trench;

an adherent-solid removal process for removing dried solids of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench; and

an annealing process for annealing solute contained in the dried liquid-pattern material.

30. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 23, wherein:

the liquid-pattern material is supplied to the pattern-forming trench after applying hydrophobic processing to the workpiece surface.

31. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 23, wherein:

the liquid-pattern material is supplied to the pattern-forming trench after applying hydrophobic processing to the workpiece surface, and applying hydrophilic processing to the bottom of the pattern-forming trench.

- 32. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 23, wherein: the liquid-pattern material is solidified by heating the liquid-pattern material.
- 33. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 32, wherein:

heating and solidifying the liquid-pattern material comprises a drying process for evaporating solvent in the liquid pattern material, and an annealing process for annealing the dried solute.

- 34. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 23, characterized by solidifying the liquid-pattern material and then removing solidified elements of the liquid-pattern material that adhered to the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench.
- 35. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 23, wherein solidifying the liquid-pattern material is performed after removing liquid-pattern material that adhered to the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench.
- 36. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 27, wherein the annealing process is performed after removing dried solids of liquid-pattern material that adhered to

the workpiece surface when the liquid-pattern material was supplied to the pattern-forming trench.

- 37. (Amended) A pattern forming method comprising:
  - a process for disposing an organic film on a workpiece surface;
  - a process for forming a trench of a specific pattern in the organic film;
  - a process for filling the trench with an inorganic material;
  - a process for removing the inorganic material except from inside the trench; and
- a process for removing the organic film and leaving a pattern of the inorganic material.
- 38. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 37, wherein the process for filling the trench with the inorganic material is accomplished by applying a solution containing the inorganic material.
- 40. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 38, wherein: the inorganic material is applied by spin coating.
- 41. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 38, wherein: the inorganic material is applied by spraying.
- 42. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 37, wherein:

the process for removing the inorganic material except inside the trench is accomplished by applying an etching solution.

- 44. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 42, wherein: the etching solution is applied by spin etching.
- 45. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 42, wherein: the etching solution is applied by spraying.
- 46. (Amended) A pattern forming method as described in claim 37, wherein:

the process for removing the inorganic material except inside the trench is accomplished by CMP.

- 48. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus comprising:
- a mask forming unit for forming a mask by disposing pattern-forming openings in a mask material coated to and solidified on a workpiece surface;
- a hydrophobic processing unit for applying hydrophobic processing to the solidified mask material or mask;

a pattern material supply unit for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the patternforming openings of the mask; and

a solidification unit for solidifying the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings.

### 49. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus comprising:

- a mask forming unit for forming a mask by disposing pattern-forming openings in a mask material coated to and solidified on a workpiece surface;
- a hydrophobic processing unit for applying hydrophobic processing to the solidified mask material or mask;
- a pattern material supply unit for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the patternforming openings of the mask;
- a solidification unit for solidifying the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings; and
- a mask removal unit for removing the mask after solidifying the liquid-pattern material.

# 50. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 48, wherein:

the hydrophobic processing unit comprises a plasma generating means for producing a fluoride gas plasma at atmospheric pressure or near atmospheric pressure, and supplying the plasma to the solidified mask material or mask.

#### 51. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 48, wherein:

the hydrophobic processing unit comprises a polymerization means for producing a fluorocompound plasma, and polymerizing a fluororesin film on the surface of the solidified mask material or mask.

# 52. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 50, wherein:

the hydrophobic processing unit comprises a hydrophilic processing means for making hydrophilic the inside of the pattern-forming openings of the hydrophobic processed mask.

#### 53. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus comprising:

- a mask forming unit for forming a mask comprising a hydrophobic film having pattern-forming openings on the surface of a workpiece;
- a pattern material supply unit for supplying a liquid-pattern material to the patternforming openings of the mask;
- a solidification unit for solidifying the liquid-pattern material in the pattern-forming openings; and

a mask removal unit for removing the mask after solidifying the liquid-pattern material.

54. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 50, wherein:

the mask forming unit includes a polymerization means for producing a fluorocompound plasma, and polymerizing a fluororesin film on the surface of the workpiece through a transfer mask.

55. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 48, wherein:

the pattern material supply unit includes an adherent-liquid removal means for removing liquid-pattern material that adhered to the mask surface.

56. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 48, wherein:

the pattern material supply unit comprises an atomization means for atomizing and misting the liquid-pattern material on the mask.

58. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 56, wherein:

the pattern material supply unit comprises a voltage applying means for applying a voltage to the workpiece so that static attraction works to attract the atomized liquid-pattern material to the workpiece.

59. (Amended) A pattern forming apparatus as described in claim 48, wherein:

the solidification unit comprises a heating means disposed in the pattern material supply unit for heating and solidifying the liquid-pattern material.

- 60. (Amended) A semiconductor device characterized by being manufactured using a pattern forming method as described in claim 1.
- 61. (Amended) An electrical circuit characterized by being manufactured using a pattern forming method as described in claim 1.
- 62. (Amended) A display module characterized by being manufactured using a pattern forming method as described in claim 1.
- 63. (Amended) A color filter characterized by being manufactured using a pattern forming method as described in claim 1.
- 64. (Amended) A light-emitting element characterized by being manufactured using a pattern forming method as described in claim 1.